

REMARKS

Claims 122-124, 126-140, and 171-183 are pending with claims 122, 127, 137, and 174 being independent. Applicants have amended claims 122, 127, 137, and 174 to recite that the minute unevennesses are formed “on a bottom surface of the second substrate.” The amendments find support in the application at FIG. 3 and the accompanying text. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 122-124, 126, 137-140, 171, and 173 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taniguchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,239,228) in view of Murakami (U.S. Patent No. 6,250,765), and claims 127-136, 172, and 174-183 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taniguchi in view of Ebisawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,284,342) and Murakami.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections because neither Taniguchi, Ebisawa, Murakami, nor any combination of the three describes or suggests “minute unevennesses” on a bottom surface of the second substrate, as recited in each of the independent claims.

Recognizing that Taniguchi and Ebisawa do not describe the minute unevennesses, the rejection relies on Murakami as doing so. However, to the extent that Murakami describes minute unevennesses, Murakami describes forming them on a top surface for purposes of forming an anti-glare coat layer. In particular, FIG. 2 of Murakami shows that the top surface of an anti-glare coat layer 1b, which is provided on film base layer 1a, is roughened so as to irregularly reflect incident external light, thereby preventing external light from forming an image. (See Murakami at col. 4, lines 15-19.) Murakami does not disclose minute unevennesses provided on a bottom side of the film base layer 1a, and nothing in Murakami would have led to forming minute unevennesses on a bottom surface of Taniguchi's substrate. For at least these reasons, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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